

Title 19 – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES
Division 30 – Division of Regulation and Licensure
Chapter 40 – Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services Systems Regulations

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

19 CSR 30-40.342 Application and Licensure Requirements for the Initial Licensure and Relicensure of Emergency Medical Technician-Basics, Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate, and Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedics. The department is amending section (1)(B), and sections (2), (3) and (4).

PURPOSE: The department is amending section (1)(B), and sections (2), (3) and (4), and the EMS personnel license application and adding a new verification form which provides an opportunity for EMT-Basics that are current members of the United States Armed Forces including National Guard and Reserves or past members of the United States Armed Forces including National Guard and Reserves who were honorably discharged within the past two (2) years to obtain a United States Armed Forces license from the EMS Bureau. This amendment also adds this United States Armed Forces license option to the EMS Bureau application. Further, this amendment adds the requirement for EMT-Intermediate relicensure applicants who do not have a current certification with the National Registry of EMTs to attach a basic cardiac life support training card indicating training in this course to their application for relicensure.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of the entire text of the material which is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule would be unduly cumbersome and expensive. This material as incorporated by reference in this rule shall be maintained by the agency at its headquarters and shall be made available to the public for inspection and copying at no more than the actual cost of reproduction. This note applies only to the reference material. The entire text of the rule is printed here.

(1) Application Requirements for Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Licensure.

(A) Each applicant for licensure or relicensure as an EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate, or EMT-Paramedic shall submit an application for licensure to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Bureau. An applicant for relicensure must submit their application no less than thirty (30) days or no more than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the expiration date of their current license.

(B) An application shall include, but is not limited to, the following information: whether an initial licensure or relicensure application; if previously licensed, their license number and expiration date; type of licensure applied for (EMT-Basic (EMT-B), EMT-Intermediate (EMT-I), or EMT-Paramedic (EMT-P)); type of certification or education used for licensure or relicensure; applicant's name, signature, address, date of birth, sex, daytime telephone number, email address (if applicable), and Social Security number; if applicable, **whether or not the applicant is a past member of the United States Armed Forces including National Guard and Reserves who has been honorably discharged within the past two (2) years who requests an EMT-B United States Armed Forces license and, if applicable, attach to the application a copy of the applicant's certificate of release or discharge from active duty (DD form 214) or an NGB-22 which verifies the applicant's honorable discharge and discharge date; whether or not the applicant is a current member of the United States Armed Forces including National Guard and Reserves who requests an EMT-B United States Armed Forces license and, if applicable, attach to the application a copy of the applicant's common access card;** type of present primary EMS affiliation; prior administrative licensure actions taken against any license or certification in Missouri or any other state; whether they have been finally adjudicated and found guilty, or entered a plea of guilty or *nolo contendere*, in a criminal prosecution under the laws of any state or of the United States, whether or not they received a suspended imposition of sentence for any criminal offense; if the answer is yes to the preceding statement, they must attach to their application a certified copy of all charging documents (such as complaints, informations, or indictments), judgments and sentencing information, plea agreements and probation terms, and any other information they wish considered; certification by the applicant that they have the ability to speak, read, and write the English language; certification by the applicant that they do not have a physical or mental impairment which would substantially limit their ability to perform the essential functions of an emergency medical technician position with or without a reasonable accommodation; certification by the applicant that if relicensing using continuing education that they have successfully completed the required continuing education in accordance with state regulations, have attached a list of these continuing education units, and are in possession of documents of the required continuing education, and will make all records available to the EMS Bureau upon request under penalty of license action up to and including revocation; certification by the applicant that the application contains no misrepresentation or falsifications and that the information given by them is true and complete to the best of their knowledge; certification by the applicant that they have the intention and the ability to comply with the regulations promulgated under the Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services Systems Act, Chapter 190, RSMo; *[and]* certification by the applicant that they have been a resident of Missouri for five (5) consecutive years prior to the date on their application or have attached to the application at least two (2) completed fingerprint cards *[supplied by the Bureau of EMS]*.

(C) All applicants shall provide their Social Security number on their application so the Bureau of EMS can perform criminal history checks to determine the recency and relatedness of any criminal convictions prior to the licensure or relicensure of the applicant. Criminal history checks that the EMS Bureau finds not to be relevant to the licensure or relicensure of an EMT will not be maintained in the applicant's file.

(D) All applicants shall attach to the application a list of the qualifying continuing education used for relicensure, as applicable. This list shall include verification by the applicant's training officer or medical director that all core requirements have been met. Receipt of this list does not constitute approval of continuing education by the EMS Bureau.

(E) An applicant shall provide all information and certification required on the EMS Bureau application for EMT licensure. Incomplete or inaccurate information on an application shall be cause to deny or take action upon a license.

(F) An applicant shall disclose if they have ever been subject to limitation, suspension, or termination of their right to practice in a health care occupation and/or voluntarily surrendered a health care license or certification in any state.

(2) EMT-Basic (EMT-B) Licensure and Re-licensure Requirements.

(A) EMT-Basic (Initial Licensure). Initial licensure requirements apply to any person who was not licensed in Missouri prior to August 28, 1998, as an attendant or attendant-driver by the EMS Bureau or whose Missouri license has expired for more than two (2) years. The applicant for initial licensure shall submit with their license application to the EMS Bureau evidence of current certification with the National Registry of EMTs as an EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P. **Any applicant for initial licensure as an EMT-B who is a past member of the United States Armed Forces including National Guard and Reserves who has been honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces including National Guard and Reserves within the past two (2) years may request an EMT-B United States Armed Forces license with the EMS Bureau. The applicant shall submit to the EMS Bureau a copy of the applicant's certificate of release or discharge from active duty (a DD form 214) or NGB-22 which verifies the applicant's honorable discharge and discharge date in order to receive an EMT-B United States Armed Forces license from the EMS Bureau that will provide the licensee's date of honorable military discharge. Any applicant for initial licensure as an EMT-B who is a current member of the United States Armed Forces including National Guard and Reserves may request an EMT-B United States Armed Forces license with the EMS Bureau. The applicant shall submit to the EMS Bureau a copy of the applicant's common access card in order to receive an EMT-B United States Armed Forces license from the EMS Bureau that will provide that the applicant is currently in the United States Armed Forces including National Guard and Reserves.**

(B) The EMT-B in Missouri may be permitted to perform blood glucose analysis, twelve (12) lead EKG acquisition and transmission, non-invasive airway devices not intended to be placed in the trachea, and all skills in the National Scope of Practice for Emergency Medical Technicians which is incorporated by reference in this rule as published in 2007 by the U.S. Department of Transportation and is available at U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Emergency Medical Services, West Building W 44-314, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, NTI 140, Washington, DC 20590. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions.

(C) EMT-Basic (Relicensure or Step Down from EMT-P or EMT-I).

1. The applicant for relicensure shall submit with their license application to the EMS Bureau evidence of current certification with the National Registry of EMTs as an EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate, or EMT-Paramedic; or

2. An applicant shall certify to the EMS Bureau:

A. That they have successfully completed one hundred (100) hours of continuing education which meet the EMS Bureau's approval criteria under 19 CSR 30-40.331, forty-eight (48) hours of which cover all elements of the EMT-B core continuing education curriculum and fifty-two (52) hours of which may be elective topics from the EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P curriculum;

B. That they are able to produce documentation of the required continuing education, and will make all records available to the EMS Bureau upon request. Licensees shall maintain such records for a period of five (5) years after the date of relicensure. Failure to obtain and retain complete and accurate documentation shall be cause for taking action upon a license; and

C. That they have current basic cardiac life support training (does not count towards core continuing education curriculum).

D. Any applicant for relicensure as an EMT-B who has been honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces including National Guard and Reserves within the past two (2) years may request an EMT-B United States Armed Forces license with the EMS Bureau. The applicant shall submit to the EMS Bureau a copy of the applicant's certificate of release or discharge from active duty (a DD form 214) or an NGB-22 which verifies the applicant's honorable discharge and discharge date in order to receive an EMT-B United States Armed Forces license from the EMS Bureau that will provide the licensee's date of honorable military discharge. Any applicant for relicensure as an EMT-B who is a current member of the United States Armed Forces including National Guard and Reserves may request an EMT-B United States Armed Forces license with the EMS Bureau. The applicant shall submit to the EMS Bureau a copy of the applicant's common access card in order to receive an EMT-B United States Armed Forces license from the EMS Bureau that will provide that the applicant is currently in the United States Armed Forces including National Guard and Reserves.

(3) EMT-Paramedic Licensure and Relicensure Requirements.

(A) EMT-Paramedic (Initial Licensure). Initial licensure requirements apply to any person who was not licensed in Missouri prior to August 28, 1998, as a mobile emergency medical technician by the EMS Bureau or whose Missouri license has expired for more than two (2) years. [*The applicant for initial licensure shall submit with their license application to the EMS Bureau evidence of current certification with the National Registry of EMTs as an EMT-P.*]

1. Any EMT-Paramedic applicant for initial licensure without an EMT-B United States Armed Forces license from the EMS Bureau pursuant to subsection (2)(A) or subparagraph (2)(C)2.D. above, shall submit with the applicant's license application to the EMS Bureau evidence of current certification with the National Registry of EMTs as an EMT-P.

2. Any EMT-Paramedic applicant for initial licensure who received an EMT-B United States Armed Forces License from the EMS Bureau pursuant to subsection (2)(A) or subparagraph (2)(C)2.D., who does not have evidence of current certification with the National Registry of EMTs as an EMT-P and who successfully passed the EMT-P final written and practical examinations and the clinical hours and experience required by 19 CSR 30-40.331(1)(N) shall submit with the applicant's license application to the EMS Bureau the following:

A. A verification form included herein completed by the EMT-P training entity verifying successful completion by the applicant of the EMT-P final written and practical examinations and the clinical hours and experience required by 19 CSR 30-40.331(1)(N); and

B. A copy of the front and back of an advanced cardiac life support training card which confirms that the applicant has successfully completed an advanced cardiac life support training course within the past two (2) years.

(B) EMT-Paramedic (Relicensure).

1. The applicant for relicensure shall submit with their license application to the EMS Bureau evidence of current certification with the National Registry of EMTs as an EMT-P; or

2. An applicant shall certify to the EMS Bureau:

A. That they have successfully completed one hundred forty-four (144) hours of continuing education which meet the EMS Bureau's approval criteria under 19 CSR 30-40.331, forty-eight (48) hours of which may be elective topics and the remaining ninety-six (96) hours covering all elements of the EMT-P core continuing education curriculum;

B. That they are able to produce documentation of the required continuing education and will make all records available to the EMS Bureau upon request. Licensees shall maintain such records for a period of five (5) years after the date of relicensure. Failure to obtain and retain complete and accurate documentation shall be cause for taking action upon a license; and

C. That they have current advanced cardiac life support training (can be counted towards the refresher requirement).

(4) EMT-Intermediate (EMT-I) Licensure and Relicensure Requirements.

(A) EMT-I (Initial Licensure). Initial licensure requirements apply to any person applying for licensure in Missouri. *[The applicant for initial licensure shall submit with their license application to the EMS Bureau evidence of current certification with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians as an EMT-I.]* The EMT-I in Missouri may perform all the skills except intraosseous infusions in the National Scope of Practice for Advanced EMT which is incorporated by reference in this rule as published in 2007 by the U.S. Department of Transportation and is available at U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Emergency Medical Services, West Building W 44-314, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, NTI 140, Washington, DC 20590. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions.

1. Any EMT-I applicant for initial licensure without an EMT-B United States Armed Forces license from the EMS Bureau pursuant to subsection (2)(A) or subparagraph (2)(C)2.D. above, shall submit with the applicant's license application to the EMS Bureau evidence of current certification with the National Registry of EMTs as an EMT-I.

2. Any EMT-I applicant for initial licensure who received an EMT-B United States Armed Forces License from the EMS Bureau pursuant to subsection (2)(A) or subparagraph (2)(C)2.D. above, who does not have evidence of current certification with the National Registry of EMTs as an EMT-I and who successfully passed the EMT-I final written and practical examinations and the clinical hours and experience required by 19 CSR 30-40.331(1)(N) shall submit with the applicant's license application to the EMS Bureau the following:

A. A verification form included herein completed by the EMT-I training entity verifying successful completion by the applicant of the EMT-I final written and practical examinations and the clinical hours and experience required by 19 CSR 30-40.331(1)(N); and

B. A copy of the front and back of a basic cardiac life support training card which confirms that the applicant has successfully completed a basic cardiac life support training course within the past two (2) years.

(B) EMT-Intermediate (EMT-I) Relicensure.

1. The applicant for relicensure shall submit with their license application to the EMS Bureau evidence of current certification with the National Registry of EMTs as an EMT-I; or

2. An applicant shall certify to the EMS Bureau:

A. That they have successfully completed one hundred forty-four (144) hours of continuing education which meet the EMS Bureau's approval criteria under 19 CSR 30-40.331, seventy-two (72) hours of which cover all elements of the EMT-I core continuing education curriculum and seventy-two (72) hours of which may be elective topics from the EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P curriculum;

B. That they are able to produce documentation of the required continuing education and shall make all records available to the EMS Bureau upon request. Licensees shall maintain such records for a period of five (5) years after the date of relicensure.

C. Applicants shall produce a copy of the front and back of a basic cardiac life support training card which confirms that the applicant has successfully completed a basic cardiac life support training course within the past two (2) years.

(C) EMT-B Step Down from EMT-P or EMT-I.

1. The applicant for relicensure shall submit with their license application to the EMS Bureau evidence of current certification with the National Registry of EMTs as an EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P; or

2. An applicant shall certify to the EMS Bureau:

A. That they have successfully completed one hundred (100) hours of continuing education which meet the EMS Bureau's approval criteria under 19 CSR 30-40.331, forty-eight (48) hours of which cover all elements of the EMT-B core continuing education curriculum and fifty-two (52) hours of which may be elective topics from the EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P curriculum;

B. That they are able to produce documentation of the required continuing education and shall make all records available to the EMS Bureau upon request. Licensees shall maintain such records for a period of five (5) years after the date of relicensure.

C. Applicants shall also have current basic cardiac life support training. This does not count towards core continuing education curriculum.

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PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in the aggregate.

NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with Jeanne Serra, Director, Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Regulation and Licensure, PO Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102. To be

considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the Missouri Register. No public hearing is scheduled.